

Keeping in Touch

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News and notes from
the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.
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Success at the World Council of Churches

(by Rev. Kittredge Cherry)

The UFMCC delegation created ground-breaking successes for our denomination and for all lesbian and gay Christians at the World Council of Churches (WCC) Seventh Assembly in Canberra, Australia, February 7-20. Those representing UFMCC included Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, Rev. Kit Cherry, Rev. Steve Pieters, and Rev. Sandra Robinson. This was the first time that UFMCC participated as official observers and accredited visitors in a WCC event. Australian MCC members also attended Assembly events and provided tremendous support to the delegation from the U.S.

We made invaluable personal contacts among the 4,000 WCC participants from churches in 100 nations, as well as with members of the news media. The WCC is still "in the closet" about sexuality and how it relates to Christianity. But UFMCC broke the silence, and found that leaders of WCC member churches are hungry for information, discussion and guidance on every aspect of sexuality, including gay and lesbian issues.

Highlights of the WCC Assembly were:

*UFMCC formed a group of lesbians, gay men, and our supporters. We were delighted when more than 50 people attended from at least 10 countries. The United States, Canada, Australia, and northern Europe were well represented, but there were also people from such places as Jamaica and Trinidad. They were heads of denominations, clergy and lay; women and men; young and old; people of color and white; from many denominations. Some had never before gathered with other gay and lesbian Christians. We met three times: Once to get acquainted, again to strategize about raising lesbian and gay issues within the WCC, and once more to worship together. The strategy session led to the drafting of a letter to WCC leadership urging them to address justice for lesbian and gay people. We were amazed when delegates from around the world were literally begging to sign it! We gathered at least 60 signatures from official delegates. This was typical of the generally positive attitudes we encountered.

*UFMCC and other lesbian and gay people at the Assembly sponsored a worship service on the Assembly sub-theme, "Come Holy Spirit, set us free." In place of a sermon, two lesbians and two gay men shared stories of how their spirituality and sexuality connect. Many faces glistened with joy and tears by the time we closed with "The Song to Remember Harvey Milk." Some people told us that our simple worship service was the highlight of the entire WCC Assembly for them.

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REV. STEVE PIETERS (LEFT) AND REV. SANDI ROBINSON, MEMBERS OF THE UFMCC DELEGATION TO THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ASSEMBLY IN AUSTRALIA, STAND WITH WCC ASSEMBLY BANNERS THAT ILLUSTRATE HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT BRING LIFE, UNITY, TRUTH, AND SPIRIT.

"World Council of Churches" (cont'd)

*Two UFMCC leaders addressed the WCC Assembly by invitation. "I'm homosexual and I have the AIDS virus," said Rev. Greg Smith, UFMCC's Australia District Coordinator, during a skit on the pastoral challenges presented by AIDS. This was the first time anyone admitted being gay at a WCC plenary session. Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson spoke eloquently as part of a WomenSpace panel of "Women Around the World." Rev. Wilson was one of five women from around the world who was invited to address the WCC women's gathering in Canberra.

*We investigated the possibility of UFMCC joining the WCC. The information we received suggests that we are now eligible for membership. We will be pursuing this application process in the coming months and years.

PRAISES!

Congratulations to the proud foster parents, Rev. Rod and John Bragg-Bash, on the arrival of their second foster child, Reggie. Born on January 8, Reggie is the second child placed in the Bragg-Bash household. Rod, pastor of MCC Nashville, and John are the first openly gay couple approved for foster placement in Tennessee.

Congratulations to Rev. Louis F. Kavar who successfully defended his doctoral dissertation on February 27, completing a Ph.D. in counseling from the University of Pittsburgh. The dissertation, a training program for those providing support to people experiencing grief due to aids will be published later this year by Chi Rho Press. Rev. Kavar serves as Field Director of World Church Extension.

Congratulations to Rev. Marion C. Harrison, who was recently named the 1st Humanitarian Award recipient for dedicated, unselfish service to the gay and lesbian community, and the wider community, presented by the Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado Springs, CO. Rev. Harrison is presently serving as President of the Southern Colorado AIDS Project, Board of Directors, and has been one of the community's leaders in seeking passage of a Human Rights Ordinance which will include sexual orientation as one of the protected classes from discrimination in employment, housing, and public facilities. Rev. Harrison has served Pikes Peak MCC since September, 1987.

Praise God! Rev. Delores Berry, Evangelist and Gospel Singer of UFMCC is celebrating her 21st Anniversary of the Ministry. Rev. Berry will be celebrating her anniversary in Concert, Friday and Saturday, April 12 & 13, 1991, at MCC Los Angeles in Culver City, California. Congratulations Delores on 21 wonderful years!

Pastoral Vacancies

* MCC BOSTON is accepting resumes for a full-time pastor's position. If you are interested, please contact the Pastoral Search Committee:

MCC Boston
P.O. Box 523, Astor Station
Boston, MA 02123
(617) 437-0420

* GENTLE SHEPHERD MCC of Phoenix, Arizona has begun its search for a full-time pastor. If you are interested, please send inquiries to the Pastoral Search Committee:

Gentle Shepherd MCC
P.O. Box 31754
Phoenix, AZ 85046

* MCC PHILADELPHIA announces that it is in the midst of its search process. MCC Philadelphia was founded 19 years ago, and is the oldest continuing gay and lesbian organization in that city. Chartered since 1972, it is a worshipping community of approximately fifty members. They believe they are an adolescent church ready for a period of rapid growth in both membership and ministries and are looking for a pastor to assist in that development. The congregation is looking for a pastor with a strong relationship with God and realistic self concept. Those interested please reply to:

Pastoral Search Committee
MCC Philadelphia
P.O. Box 8174
Philadelphia, PA 19101

* MCC AUSTIN is looking for a full-time Associate Pastor. Duties will include preaching, counseling, developing and coordinating a congregational care program and overseeing the Adult Christian Education Program. If you have gifts in these areas call MCC Austin at (512) 929-3660 or write to them at:

MCC Austin
1100 Springdale Road
Austin, TX 78702

[NOTE: Any churches within the Fellowship wishing to be placed on the Vacant Pulpit List should call the Fellowship Offices at (213) 464-5100 with your request. Any clergy within the Fellowship wishing to be placed on the Available Clergy List should call the Offices also. Anyone wishing to receive these lists can obtain a copy by calling the above number.]

GENERAL CONFERENCE XV

"I Have Opened A Door"

(Revelations 3:8)

More people than ever plan to attend General Conference this year. Already more than 650 registrations have been received, setting a new record for the largest number of pre-registrations at this point in the Conference process. (See the Registration form on back page).

General Conference XV is coming real soon! Mark your calendars now for July 14-21, 1991, as you won't want to miss this great and wonderful event that will be taking place at The Pointe at Tapatio Cliffs in Phoenix, Arizona.

With Conference time closing in on us we are in need of volunteers for many areas. The following is a list of some of the areas where we need your help, if you feel you can help us, please contact the specified person for each area. Thank you for your help!

* SECURITY: If you would like to be part of a wonderful group who provide security for all areas of the Conference please send a note of interest to: Lupe Valdez, c/o UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., #304, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

* USHERS: Ushers are needed for worship services and as Pages for all business meetings. If you would be interested in working in this area it would be greatly appreciated, as a great number of volunteers will be needed. If interested - please contact: Terry Wheeler, c/o Vacation Corporation, 6310 San Vicente Blvd., Suite 402, Los Angeles, CA 90048; (213) 933-4111.

* PASTORAL CARE: We need people (all people, not just clergy) with a special calling for crisis counseling, grief management and pastoral care. Because UFMCC faces the challenge and stress of a growing denomination, while at the same time dealing with compounded grief over the loss of so many loved ones, many come to General Conference looking for support from our international family. The Pastoral Care Team are those designated people who are available to provide this support. Since we are an international family, the team has specific needs for bi-lingual volunteers as well as sign language interpreters. Volunteers will be assigned specific hours to staff the chapel or to be on call for counseling referrals, and will also be accessible throughout the conference to those who need a few moments to talk with someone who cares. All Pastoral Care Team volunteers will be identified by their Pastoral Care ribbons. If you would be interested in being a part of this special ministry please contact Rev. Sheila Rawls by June 15th at (619) 447-4660, or write to: Rev. Sheila Rawls, 1609 Mirage Court, El Cajon, CA 92019.

* TALENT SHOW: If the Talent Show this July is anything like the one at last General Conference in St. Paul, then it will be spectacular! (It was even co-hosted by "The Church Lady"; so who do you think the co-host will be this year?) The Talent Show, coordinated by Terry Wheeler, is always lots of fun and full of excitement. Each District is being asked to select someone from their District to be in the Conference Talent Show. If you would like to share your talent please contact your District Coordinator to find out how your District is making their selection.

* SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Your help is needed in building up this fund so that we can offer as many scholarships as are needed. Please help us in enabling our brothers and sisters who need assistance, be able to join us in Fellowship and fun at Conference. Send your donation to the UFMCC Offices, attn: General Conference XV, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

* COUNTRY STORES: The Exhibit Booths at Conference are going to be a spectacular event! We are planning to have a "Fair" style decor with other events occurring in the same location, periodically throughout the conference. The Pavilion offers great opportunity to gather a large crowd of people for browsing, buying, visiting, eating, and entertainment. You won't want to miss out on this great experience. Booths are going quickly! Booths will be fully draped with two tables and two chairs; they will be 8'x10' with 8' back drapes and 3' table drapes and also include an I.D. Sign. The cost of a Booth is \$135.00. Also available are Tables which will have a 3' drape around the front and sides, with two chairs at each table. The cost for a Table is \$45.00 with also includes an I.D. Sign. If you would like to reserve a Booth or Table for Conference (or if you would like to volunteer to work at the UFMCC Booth) please contact: Rev. Ro Halford, c/o UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029; (213) 464-5100.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST:

* SAMARITAN COLLEGE COURSES: Two courses will be offered by Samaritan College on July 8-10, 1991 at The Pointe. "Sexual Ethics" will be taught by Rev. Ken Martin and Rev. Sherre Boothman; and "Christian Introduction to the Women's Movement" will be taught by Rev. Elder Freda Smith. For information on cost and how to register for these courses please contact: Samaritan College, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 306, Los Angeles, CA 90029; (213) 464-5100.

PRESS RELEASE

General Council XII

The twelfth meeting of the UFMCC General Council was held March 14 thru 18, 1991, in Los Angeles, CA. The General Council mourned the deaths of Nancy Alarie, pastoral leader of Morning Star MCC in Worcester, MA, and Lee Sharp, one of the people who attended the very first MCC service in 1968. The General Council welcomed the newly elected District Coordinator of the Australian District, Rev. Greg Smith, who was appointed to the International Concerns, Research and Development Division by the Moderator. The Council began each day with prayer and the lighting of the AIDS and Peace candles.

Rev. Elder Jean White, Executive Director of World Church Extension, reported that thanks to the work of Rev. Lou Kavar, Field Rep. for Global Outreach, income for World Church Extension continues to rise, with \$4,000 contributed in February. Additional funds are in great demand at this time as the UFMCC is in contact with groups in Chile, Peru, Venezuela, Poland, Bulgaria, and Paris, France.

The General Council welcomed the newest Fellowship staff person, Rev. Kittredge Cherry, Field Director of Ecumenical Witness and Ministry, editor of Keeping In Touch, and Press Associate.

The Fellowship has acquired paperback publishing rights for The Lord Is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay by Rev. Elder Troy Perry, which will be reprinted. In addition, Rev. Perry's new book, Profiles in Gay and Lesbian Courage, about eight people who have made a difference to our community, is scheduled for publication next November.

Over 650 people have already registered for the 1991 General Conference in Phoenix. The Program and Budget Division reviewed language of all binding resolutions that have been submitted for General Conference to determine which have budget impact, which would make them ineligible unless the proposed budget is amended. The District Coordinators met with members of the Elders' Task Force on Structures and Systems. The entire Council hosted Fellowship program heads and staff for dinner Friday evening.

Work was completed on the 1992 budget, with projected income of \$870,636 for that year. The Council met with and received reports from all Fellowship program heads. The Board of Pensions, USA, has been instructed to submit a full report to the next General Council meeting. All Board of Pensions documents must be submitted to the General Council immediately and the Corporate and Legal Division and the Program and Budget Division will review all structures and policies of the Board of Pensions and bring recommendations to the General Council in October. The Board of Elders accepted the resignation of Rev. Arthur Green as President of the Board of Pensions. Rev. Green has decided to retire. Rev. Elder Don Eastman has

been appointed to the Board of Pensions. The General Council, programmers and staff joined in worship together Sunday morning led by Rev. Louis F. Kavar.

The General Council passed for a new first reading a resolution which would set the minimum full-time salary for pastors in Chartered Churches in the U.S. at 100% of the local average annual pay and leave the implementation of this policy up to each District Committee. The Elders appointed (with the confirmation of the full Council) Rev. Elder Freda Smith as chair of the Elders' Ministry of Evangelism, and established two sub-committees: evangelism personnel resources, Rev. Elder Charlie Arehart, chair, and Dr. Shedrick Wise and Revs. Delores Berry and Dusty Pruitt; and evangelism material resources Rev. Elder Don Eastman, chair, and Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey, Rev. Jo Crisco and Judy Dale.

An emphasis was placed on obtaining additional Fellowship office space at lower cost. Staff was directed to copy on both sides of recycled paper as much as possible for General Council materials.

A report from the Samaritan College Task Force was received. The Council met with the members of the Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee. The UFMCC has its second licensed clergy in Nigeria with the CCCC action to license Rev. Clement Akanazu. The CCCC also licensed Rev. Nancy Alarie posthumously. Judy Kiser led the Council in a follow-up of the White People Healing Racism workshop the Council had done at the last meeting.

C.C.C.C. Notes!

Clergy Manual Sale:

Clearance Sale!!! Beginning May 1st the 1990 Edition of the "Clergy Manual" will be available at HALF PRICE! (\$22.50 US, includes shipping & handling) until stock is sold out. If you put off buying the "Clergy Manual" now is the time to purchase this edition. This will be a great buy for those persons grand-parenting into the current requirements for Initial Licensure. This will also be a great buy for those persons who are supervising In-Care registrants and Student Clergy. Once the stock is sold out, the "Clergy Manual" will not be available until the 1992 edition is printed. So, don't miss the boat! Buy yours now!

General Conference Student Clergy Registrations:

Those persons who have submitted their "Experiential Training Program" (E.T.P.) application, (Clergy Manual, page 121) to the C.C.C.C. Office documenting their appointment as Student Clergy in a local church will be verified to General Conference officials as Student Clergy prior to General Conference and given Student Clergy privileges at Conference.

Anyone appointed as Student Clergy but not having submitted the E.T.P. will not be registered with General Conference as a Student Clergy, as Student Clergy Appointments must be certified by the C.C.C.C. Office per UFMCC Bylaws. Documentation WILL NOT be accepted on-site!

In order for the C.C.C.C. Office to verify your "Experiential Training Program" (Student Clergy appointment), your application must be presently on file or submitted by 15 June 1991. Applications received after 15 June 1991 WILL NOT be processed for General Conference.

If you have questions, please contact the C.C.C.C. Office directly at (213) 464-5100.

Clergy Concerns:

The Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee wants to communicate to you our pride in the work you are doing. Since your ministry often involves stressful and threatening experiences, for which you are mostly under compensated, your ongoing loyalty and dedication are an inspiration and a challenge. We would pray for you that God's strength would continue to supply you with spiritual and physical energy.

A very important part of our function in the C.C.C.C. is "Concern" for you, your church, and your calling. We feel deeply that we would like to share in your joys and in your difficulties. Our request is that you would feel free to contact any one or all of us when you need someone to share your thoughts and feelings. We have no mechanism to enable us to know what your needs are, and so we are asking you to let us know. We are including our addresses and phone numbers in this letter. If, for whatever reason, you wish to communicate with us, please feel free to do so.

Again, thank you for your ministry and for your own personality which you so willingly share with others. May you feel secure in God's love and may you find encouragement in the assurance of our love and care.

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Coming in October, 1991!

Profiles In Gay And Lesbian Courage by Rev. Troy D. Perry and Thomas L.P. Swicegood will be coming out in October, 1991. Inspired by John F. Kennedy's bestseller about politicians with principles, this dynamic new volume offers upbeat stories with a fascinating difference. The protagonists are men and women who, in their dramatic involvement with government, have much more than their own political futures at stake.

Elaine Noble, the first elected openly gay person in the United States, is triumphant, but Harvey Milk, a city supervisor in San Francisco, forfeits his life.

In other profiles a communist invents gay liberation and a lesbian nun is invited to the White House, also a black architect struggles against black prejudice.

Included are stories of Barbara Gittings, Ivy Bottini, and Sgt. Leonard Matlovich, the war hero who proclaimed, "I am a homosexual" on the cover of TIME magazine. All together, eight enjoyable accounts present a wide but little known spectrum of important American history.

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Keeping in touch is a two-way street. We need information from our readers in order to provide you with a complete picture of what is happening in every district and at local churches all over the world.

Please add the "Keeping in Touch" Editor to your mailing list for local church newsletters, district newsletters, and any other organizations that you think we should know about. Our address is:

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Kit also invites you to call or write to her with news from your church or ideas for improving "Keeping In Touch."

("Keeping In Touch" will be changing its style and format in the coming months. Stay tuned and enjoy the exciting changes to come!)

News From Samaritan College

Samaritan College is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Thomas D. Hanks as Professor of Extension Studies in Latin America, effective as of February 1, 1991.

Dr. Thomas Hanks has been Professor of Old Testament Studies at the Seminario Biblico Latinoamericano in San Jose, Costa Rica, since 1964. He was a member of the Latin American Mission and did graduate studies at Wheaton Graduate School of Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, Garrett-Northwestern and Concordia Seminary.

Dr. Hanks is the author of God So Loved the Third World: The Biblical Vocabulary of Oppression, and has been teaching since 1969. He will soon be published in the Anchor Bible Dictionary.

Christian Lesbians Organize

For the first time in history, a group, led predominantly by protestant clergywomen who are lesbians, has begun an inter-cultural, multi-racial, solidarity movement called "Christian Lesbians Out Together"(CLOUT). The primary purpose of this movement - both protestant and catholic, clergywomen and laywomen - is to empower lesbian Christian women and to challenge the churches to which they belong.

The 113 clergy and laywomen who are organizing CLOUT come from across the United States and Europe and represent 14 Christian denominations.

NOTE: At this writing there are 39 UFMCC clergy and lay women who have signed the Statement of Support of CLOUT. Rev. Sandra Robinson, Dean of Samaritan College, is on a Committee drafting statements on Theology of Ordination.

The first international gathering of CLOUT is scheduled to take place in November, 1991. For more information, a copy of the Statement, and or to be put on CLOUT's mailing list, please write to CLOUT, P.O. Box 758, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:

- * THE DRUM - Newsletter from the Department of People of Color.
- * RESPONSE BOOKLET - from the Elder's Task Force on Structures & Systems.
- * REPORT - from The Women's Secretariat of UFMCC.

Calling All Women Artists

The Women's Secretariat of the UFMCC is planning on celebrating the presence of women and their participation in the Fellowship at this year's General Conference by having a "Wall of Women" display. We are asking women from around UFMCC to bring their pictures of women participating in the life of the Church. We need someone to design an idea about how we could construct and present the wall. We will be renting two tables at the conference and need a design that will use the space in a wonderful manner.

The person whose design is chosen must be someone who is already planning on attending General Conference as we cannot afford to pay her way. The Women's Secretariat will pay the registration fee to conference for the person whose design is chosen. The person must also have the time available to set up the display and dismantle it.

Designs must be submitted by no later than April 30, 1991 to:

Rev. Beverly Baptiste
121 St. Michael Road
Winnipeg, MB R2M 2L2
CANADA

The Interim Steering Committee of the Women's Secretariat will make the final selection by May 31.

Samaritan Orientation

We welcome you to the ORIENTATION TO MCC PASTORING PROGRAM 1991! Since Orientation begins immediately after General Conference, arrival date for BLOCK I is Monday, July 22nd. You will have time to arrive at Occidental College, get your room assignment and begin the block with a gathering that Monday afternoon (July 22, 1991).

Housing and Meals: If you are considering attending the program this year (and we hope you are!) please be aware that Samaritan College is responsible for all financial matters relating to the Orientation Program. Please be sure to make all checks payable to SAMARITAN COLLEGE. The phrase used in the brochure "students are responsible for their own housing and meals..." refers to students expressing preferences for type of room accommodations, food preparation, etc. through the college. We trust this will clarify any questions you may have, and if you require any further information, please don't hesitate to call the college office at 213/464-5100 ext 22.

We are excited about the program and look forward to hearing from you soon!

January, 1991

Top 20 Tithes

1.	MCC Dallas.....	Dallas, TX	\$2489.43
2.	Church/Holy Spirit MCC....	Ft Lauderdale, FL	1928.02
3.	MCC of the Resurrection.....	Houston, TX	1893.24
4.	MCC in the Valley.....	N Hollywood, CA	1866.08
5.	MCC Washington DC.....	Washington, DC	1503.72
6.	MCC Toronto.....	Ontario, CAN	1499.60
7.	MCC Long Beach.....	Long Beach, CA	1392.16
8.	MCC San Diego.....	San Diego, CA	1391.25
9.	MCC San Francisco.....	San Francisco, CA	1135.30
10.	First MCC of Atlanta.....	Atlanta, GA	1050.71
11.	MCC of the Rockies.....	Denver, CO	1027.83
12.	River City MCC.....	Sacramento, CA	995.24
13.	Agape MCC of Ft. Worth.....	Ft Worth, TX	859.89
14.	MCC Austin.....	Austin, TX	823.28
15.	MCC of Windsor.....	Ontario, CAN	756.28
16.	Joy MCC.....	Orlando, FL	753.16
17.	MCC New York.....	New York City, NY	713.87
18.	St. Luke's MCC.....	Jacksonville, FL	649.93
19.	Christos MCC.....	Toronto, Ontario, CAN	636.35
20.	MCC Tampa.....	Tampa, FL	632.85

January, 1991

Top 20 Per Capita

1.	MCC Everett.....	Everett, WA	38.33
2.	MCC of Northern Virginia...	Falls Church, VA	36.40
3.	MCC in the Country.....	Spring Valley, CA	28.29
4.	Calvary MCC.....	Redwood City, CA	27.25
5.	St. John the Apostle MCC.....	Ft Myers, FL	23.64
6.	MCC of the Gentle Shepherd....	Vancouver, WA	23.54
7.	New Covenant MCC.....	Anaheim, CA	23.14
8.	MCC of the Disciples.....	Washington, DC	22.96
9.	MCC Richmond.....	Richmond, VA	22.59
10.	MCC of the Living Spring....	Eureka Spgs, AR	22.44
11.	Open Arms MCC.....	Rochester, NY	22.00
12.	Christos MCC.....	Toronto, Ontario, CAN	21.36
13.	MCC Rockville.....	Rockville, MD	21.19
14.	Sweet Spirit MCC.....	Salem, OR	20.58
15.	Trinity MCC.....	Arlington, TX	20.47
16.	Vieux Carre' MCC.....	New Orleans, LA	20.40
17.	MCC Charlottesville.....	Charlottesville, VA	20.12
18.	Maranatha MCC.....	San Lorenzo, CA	19.72
19.	MCC San Jose.....	San Jose, CA	19.72
20.	MCC Ventura.....	Ventura, CA	18.76

Texas Churches

On The Move!

Three larger Texas (South Central District) churches are moving forward with expansion plans.

The Dallas Church has completed the purchase of 5.50 acres near the Love Field Airport in the Oak Lawn (gay) area of Dallas for the construction of a 26,000 square foot building with seating for 1,000+. Rev. Elders Troy Perry and Don Eastman broke ground for the new facility.

February, 1991

Top 20 Tithes

1.	MCC Dallas.....	Dallas, TX	\$2582.53
2.	Church/Holy Spirit MCC....	Ft Lauderdale, FL	1987.71
3.	MCC Toronto.....	Ontario, CAN	1796.37
4.	MCC Washington DC.....	Washington, DC	1681.14
5.	MCC San Francisco.....	San Francisco, CA	1447.80
6.	MCC San Diego.....	San Diego, CA	1277.17
7.	MCC of the Rockies.....	Denver, CO	1252.36
8.	First MCC of Kansas.....	Wichita, KS	1245.21
9.	King of Peace MCC.....	St Petersburg, FL	1163.79
10.	Joy MCC.....	Orlando, FL	1156.30
11.	MCC Austin.....	Austin, TX	859.39
12.	St. Luke's MCC.....	Jacksonville, FL	808.09
13.	MCC of Greater Kansas City...	Kansas Cty, MO	708.92
14.	Church of the Trinity MCC.....	Sarasota, FL	677.82
15.	MCC New Haven.....	New Haven, CT	536.41
16.	MCC of the Disciples.....	Washington, DC	531.66
17.	MCC Albuquerque.....	Albuquerque, NM	523.76
18.	Church of Our Savior MCC.....	Boca Raton, FL	475.15
19.	MCC of the Palm Beaches....	W Palm Beach, FL	451.39
20.	MCC Huntsville.....	Huntsville, AL	448.24

February, 1991

Top 20 Per Capita

1.	New Covenant MCC.....	Anaheim, CA	56.04
2.	Calvary MCC.....	Redwood City, CA	38.05
3.	MCC of the Gentle Shepherd....	Vancouver, WA	34.93
4.	MCC of Northern Virginia...	Falls Church, VA	32.17
5.	MCC of the Disciples.....	Washington, DC	30.44
6.	Whitewater Valley MCC.....	Richmond, IN	23.28
7.	Christ the King MCC.....	Oklahoma City, OK	21.62
8.	Alleluia MCC.....	Calgary, Alberta, CAN	20.22
9.	Christ the Redeemer MCC.....	Evanston, IL	19.62
10.	MCC Charlottesville.....	Charlottesville, VA	19.20
11.	Church of the Trinity MCC.....	Sarasota, FL	18.16
12.	MCC Rockville.....	Rockville, MD	17.58
13.	MCC Huntsville.....	Huntsville, AL	17.45
14.	Faith Eternal MCC.....	Springfield, IL	17.41
15.	Resurrection Chapel MCC/S Bay..	Torrence, CA	17.36
16.	Eternal Light MCC.....	Olympia, WA	17.14
17.	MCC Dallas.....	Dallas, TX	15.87
18.	Sunrise MCC of the Hi Desert...	Palmdale, CA	15.84
19.	Diablo Valley MCC.....	Concord, CA	15.55
20.	Vision of Hope MCC.....	Lancaster, PA	15.47

Harvest MCC in Denton, Texas has purchased the First Baptist Church, Corinth because its congregation has grown to over 100 people each Sunday. They have begun meeting in the new facility, which seats about 150.

MCC of the Resurrection in Houston, Texas has placed its existing property (a former Baptist Church) on the market and has a substantial capital funds campaign in process for the purchase of a larger facility.

REGISTRATION FORM
GENERAL CONFERENCE XV
The Pointe at Tapatio Cliffs - Phoenix, Arizona
"I Have Opened A Door" (Revelations 3:8)
JULY 14-21, 1991



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Alternate Lay Delegate _____ Student Clergy/Official Observer _____

[] Physically Challenged: Need room location close to Conference Center

[] Physically Challenged: Need wheelchair accessible room

Circle One:

Early U.S. Registration (postmarked on or before March 1, 1991)	\$168.00
Early Outside U.S. Registration (postmarked on or before June 15, 1991)	105.00
Early Weekend Registration (postmarked on or before June 15, 1991)	75.00
Late U.S. Registration (March 2, '91 - June 15, '91)	208.00
Onsite U.S. Registration (at The Pointe)	228.00
Onsite Outside U.S. Registration (at The Pointe)	125.00
Onsite Weekend Registration (at The Pointe)	100.00

FEE DUE (Amount Circled Above) \$ _____

[] I would like to make a Donation of \$ _____ to The Scholarship Fund
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CARD TYPE _____ CARD NUMBER _____ EXP DATE _____

CARDHOLDER NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____

CHURCH INFORMATION (To be filled out by Lay and Clergy Delegates ONLY)

Church Status (Circle one)

CHARTERED _____ COMMISSIONED _____ MISSION _____ NEW WORK _____ SPECIAL MINISTRY _____ OTHER _____

Number of Official Delegates

Clergy _____

Laity _____

You will receive a confirmation of registration by mail within 2 weeks of our receipt. Mail in registration will NOT BE ACCEPTED after June 30, 1991. Cancellations Policy: FULL REFUND for cancellations received PRIOR TO May 1, 1991; 75% REFUND for cancellations received prior to June 15, 1991; and 50% REFUND for cancellations received after June 15, 1991.